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Premier League Division 1

1st Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Monaro	11	7	2	2	2	35	15	25
Weston Creek	11	6	3	2	3	25	15	24
Capital City Suns	11	7	1	3	1	29	15	23
Belconnen United	11	6	2	3	2	32	14	22
Canberra Deakin	11	6	2	3	1	22	14	21
Gungahlin Juventus	11	6	1	4	1	21	17	20
Canberra Olympic	11	5	2	4	1	22	15	18
Uni of Canberra	11	3	1	7	1	22	30	11
Burns Club	11	2	0	9	0	9	43	6
Queanbeyan City	11	0	0	11	0	15	54	0

Under 23's

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Weston Creek	11	7	3	1	3	29	12	27
Belconnen United	11	6	3	2	3	49	19	24
Monaro	11	6	3	2	3	38	19	24
Uni of Canberra	11	7	1	3	1	46	11	23
Canberra Olympic	11	5	4	2	3	30	11	22
Canberra Deakin	11	4	2	5	1	32	19	15
Burns Club	11	4	2	5	1	21	22	15
Capital City Suns	11	3	1	7	1	29	36	11
Gungahlin Juventus	11	3	1	7	0	35	30	10
Queanbeyan City	11	0	0	11	0	3	133	0

Cosmos Youth

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Belconnen United	11	11	0	0	0	51	8	33
Uni of Canberra	11	8	1	2	1	37	12	26
Gungahlin Juventus	11	8	0	3	0	42	15	24
Weston Creek	11	8	0	3	0	43	23	24
Canberra Deakin	11	6	1	4	1	29	25	20
Monaro	11	4	0	7	0	25	40	12
Capital City Suns	11	3	1	7	1	14	34	11
Canberra Olympic	11	3	0	8	0	14	39	9
Queanbeyan City	11	1	1	9	1	16	44	5
Burns Club	11	1	0	10	0	11	42	3

Note: Queanbeyan City forfeited to Weston Creek Royals - Youth 27.6.99

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TABLE:

Premier League Division 2

1st Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	14	11	3	0	2	27	4	38
Tuggeranong United	14	9	2	3	2	43	16	31
Belwest Foxes	14	6	2	6	2	31	30	22
Cooma	14	7	1	6	0	22	24	22
ANU	14	4	4	6	3	27	24	19
Sabres FC	13	2	6	5	5	19	34	17
White Eagles	14	4	2	8	2	22	30	16
ADFA	13	1	2	10	2	9	38	7

Reserve Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	14	11	1	2	1	31	12	35
Tuggeranong United	14	10	0	4	0	48	30	30
Belwest Foxes	14	9	0	5	0	50	17	27
ANU	14	8	1	5	1	32	17	26
White Eagles	14	7	2	5	2	34	26	25
ADFA	13	3	1	9	1	19	37	11
Sabres FC	13	3	1	9	1	15	39	11
Cooma	14	0	2	12	2	9	60	4

Rockets Youth League

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Tuggeranong United	11	10	1	0	1	54	13	32
Belconnen United	11	8	0	3	0	45	23	24
Belwest Foxes	11	5	1	5	1	28	25	17
Radford	11	4	0	7	0	20	26	12
Southern Spirit	11	3	0	8	0	23	50	9
Belsouth	11	2	0	9	0	15	48	6

Note: ADFA forfeited both games against O'Connor Knights 3.7.99

Golden Boot Chase

- 11: S. Lazzari (WCK), D. Bartone (UoC)
 10: T. Lemezina (CCS), L. Simeonov (Mon)
 9: D. Macor (Mon), M. Whyte (Bel)
 7: J. Glass (Juv)
 6: P. Hader (WCK), J. Campagna (Mon)
 5: G. Cattanaach (Juv), U. Castro (COly), G. Howarth (COly), B. Deighan (CDkn)
 4: D. Stambolziev (CCS), G. Veljanovski (QbnC), D. Gjorgievski (QbnC)

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EDITORIAL:

Life on the Other Side

Two weeks since we've seen any real football, and it's back to the grind. For me I've been in New Zealand for the last two Sundays, but I did get to see a game.

The fight at the top keeps getting more and more interesting, not only in the 1st Grade, but also in the Under 23's.

Seven points cover the top 7 teams in first grade and each and every one of them is a good chance to make the Finals, whilst the Under 23's are down to five possibilities, unless Deakin or Burns can do something. Still there are only 5 points between 1st and 5th.

In Division 2 we have rounded the second bend as the teams start the third round this weekend.

O'Connor Knights only need one more win to be guaranteed a place in the Finals, such is their lead. Tuggeranong look the goods, but any of the next five teams could fill the minor placings and ADFA are out of it.

Amongst the number of close races is that for the Golden Boot. No one person, as has been the case in years past, has proved superior in scoring this season. At the top we have Weston's Steve Lazzari and Uni's Dominic Bartone, both on 11 goals and just behind them are the pack which is getting thicker and thicker.

This Issue includes the report on the Kanga Cup as well the usual match reports from all the grounds. We are still looking for more people to help out with reporting the games.

Enjoy your soccer,

Nick

I mentioned in the last Issue that I was going to be New Zealand over the last two weekends. My reason was not soccer, but in any event I was able to catch a game.

In New Zealand they have no National League at present, although they have had one and alike in Australia, this has been a summer competition. With the inclusion of the Auckland Kings into the 1999-2000 Ericsson Cup competition, it is hoped that the National League can be resurrected.

So what is available now. They have a split competition of Southern League and Northern League. The top teams in the Northern League are those that are expected to be the cornerstones of a new National League.

More interesting is that the runaway leader of the NL is not from any of the big cities of Auckland or Wellington, but from Napier on the East Coast. This would no doubt be why one of the four venues of the 1999 World Under 17 Championships will be Napier.

The game that I saw was between bottom team Melville of Hamilton and Wellington Olympic. It was played on an enclosed field with a \$5 entry fee that included a glossy match programme.

Lest to say the quality was not too good and would equal our local Premier League. Yet theres still promise that a good League may come about for those on the other side of the Tasman.

If you are ever thinking of an end of season trip, this is where I would recommend. Each team has its own ground and club rooms and always look after their opponents.

Kanga Cup kicks on

by Greg Welsh

All roads led to Canberra last week as 95 soccer teams converged on the nation's capital for the 1999 Kanga Cup International Youth Soccer Tournament.

It's a week where junior soccer traditionally takes centre stage in Canberra, while most of the senior ACT players enjoy a well-deserved break.

With the aim of "Uniting the Youth of the World through Football," this year the tournament has attracted teams from around Australia as well as overseas representatives from New Zealand, Fiji, China and South Africa.

The event caters for male and female players aged from under 11's to under 24's, and although the senior age group received top billing from the organisers, many of the younger teams threatened to steal the limelight on the final two days of competition at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Tournament Manager Bill Van Der Vlist says this year's competition has been an "enormous success" thanks to the record number of teams, the fine weather and his team of volunteers.

"The competition's been very tough, extremely tough, however in the long run everyone I think's enjoyed themselves," he says.

"A lot of contact has been made between teams from different states, not just the ACT, and the different countries to visit each other, so apart from them meeting here, they're forming relationships for possible future events."

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Van Der Vlist would like to see the tournament continue to expand, although he admits that the demands placed on volunteer staff may eventually force his team to call 'enough.'

"I would like to see 120 teams," he says. "[although] we may be getting to the stage where we have to put limits on it."

The administrator and referee is also hopeful that teams from Pakistan, Georgia and Russia, who all withdrew this year due to visa problems, will compete in 2000 along with a number of U.S. girls' teams that were unable to come this year due to a clash with the Women's World Cup.

The timing of the tournament is always a difficult decision for the Kanga Cup organisers, however Van Der Vlist is philosophic. "No matter what time you run a tournament, something will be on somewhere," he says.

The event encourages not only international relations and competitive soccer but also tries to instill a spirit of fair play in the youngsters.

"Generally the spirit has been very, very good," says Van Der Vlist. "You can see that when you see the teams getting together after the game. I guess one of the highlights was when Africa played China in a game - and they came all the way to Canberra, Australia to play each other it was absolutely wonderful."

And if Van Der Vlist's parting words needed any further reinforcement, the touching sight of the ACT under 14's girls development squad and the Cape Town under 14's boys team embracing in farewell proved a fitting finale to a wonderful week of soccer.



Capital City Suns 4 (1) Canberra Deakin 1 (0)

Shaw making hay while Suns shine by Greg Welsh

Capital City Suns assistant-coach Ian Shaw was the happiest man at O'Connor Oval on Sunday after his team's 4-0 demolition of ACT Premier League rivals Canberra Deakin.

He'd just witnessed his new charges easily account for the form side of the league, a club that had won its past six games and who had incidentally dismissed him as coach earlier in the season.

With only eleven minutes of the game remaining and a victory assured, Shaw went searching for the icing on the cake - a goal to add to his personal tally.

He substituted himself on for star striker Tony Lemezina, and despite the forty-year-old legs and an eighteen month layoff, Shaw soon beat the offside trap and found himself through on goal with only the 'keeper to beat.

But alas, he sprayed the shot over the bar and thus saved his former team from any further humiliation. "I just wanted to get a goal, it would have been great," Shaw said after the game. "There was no chance of me passing it!"

Suns' head coach Bill Dojcinski credits Shaw's coaching assistance as a major factor in a Suns revival that sees the team placed third on the ladder and only two points adrift of leaders Monaro.

"Ian Shaw coming into the club has been a big inspiration," Dojcinski said. "As the president of the club and head coach I can't be happier."



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No-one who watched the tight, defensive first half battle could have predicted the eventual ease of the win. Only three goal-scoring opportunities of note were created in the first 45 minutes, with both sides keeping plenty of players behind the ball at all times.

The first of these chances fell to Deakin just six minutes in, when former-Cosmos midfielder Leo Langone dissected the Suns defence with a quality pass that sent Adam Williams towards goal.

Unfortunately for Deakin, Williams' shot was parried by Suns' goalkeeper and captain Tony Giannasca, and Anthony Barac's follow-up effort cleared the crossbar from close range.

A half-an-hour passed before the Suns managed a suitable reply. Left midfielder Shane Lyons provided a perfect far-post cross for Ilija Prenzoski, who eluded his marker long enough to side-foot the ball into the back of the net.

Prenzoski almost doubled his tally just seconds later when he seized on a loose ball in midfield and set off on a jinking run toward goal. Noticing that 'keeper Pedro Pavez was off his line, Prenzoski scooped the ball over the Deakin defence, but also narrowly over the crossbar.

Early in the second half, defender Stan Blazeovski capped off a memorable game by scoring the Suns' second after a goal-mouth skirmish.

"I was really impressed today with Stan Blazeovski, he really gave everything," Bill Dojcinski said after the match. "He worked very hard. I've coached them for six, seven years - I think this season is the best season of his career."

Finding themselves down by two goals to nil, Deakin were forced to push players forward and risk leaving their defence exposed.

Lemezina capitalised in the 65th minute when he headed home a Luka Ujdur cross, and two minutes later the striker was once more in the thick of the action.

This time Lemezina collected a Lyons' through-ball and seemed certain to round Pavez before the keeper took out his legs. Pavez duly received a red card and a Suns penalty was awarded.

Prenzoski calmly knocked the penalty kick past stand-in goalkeeper Ante Kelava's right hand to finish the scoring for the afternoon.

Deakin co-coach Bernie Lustica was not overly concerned with the loss. "They [Deakin] actually battled hard, they tried everything that they could but it just wouldn't go their way today."

"Obviously, two players of Gaby Exposito and Ben Deighan's calibre - it was just hard to have those two players out. It was evident that there was ideas missing."



Gungahlin Juventus 0 (0) Belconnen United 2 (0)

Belconnen back to winning ways by Dylan Durie

Belconnen United moved back into the ACT Premier League top four courtesy of an easy 2-0 victory over Gungahlin Juventus at Jamison Oval on Sunday.

Although it would be difficult to envisage one team dominating a football match any more than Belconnen were able to, it took them until the 78th minute to break the deadlock with a scorching 30 yard drive from Craig Unwin.

The inevitable three points were sealed just two minutes from time when Ray Junna lobbed accurately into an empty net after Juventus' keeper Dennis Langone raced out of his area but was only able to clear as far as Junna, standing 25 yards away from goal.

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The game started very tamely with neither side able to put together any meaningful passing but Belconnen soon took the initiative, causing particular havoc down the right flank with Aaron Fuller and Unwin looking in good touch.

The first chance of the game came from a deep Unwin cross that was met firmly by the head of Matt Whyte and only just cleared off the line by Yosef Zamora.

With Scott Manson bossing the midfield Belconnen had chance after chance but a great performance by Juventus sweeper Oscar Zamora prevented United from capitalising on their dominance. Belconnen relied on aerial raids into the Juventus area and Marko Perinovic headed against the cross bar before Manson fired one just over.

A shot that was deflected narrowly wide from the left foot of Brad Smith in the 25th minute turned out to be Juventus' only real chance for the entire game.

Belconnen increased their dominance in the second half but once again were restricted to headed chances. Perinovic nodded a corner just over the goal before Yosef Zamora again cleared off the line from Whyte's head.

Then came Unwin's screamer from a loose ball that was only partially cleared as Belconnen stepped up the tempo.

United coach Lino Fiorese praised his teams "back to basics" approach that saw them hold possession for long periods. He felt his side had tried to "play too much football" in recent losses and only succeeded in playing themselves into trouble.



Burns Club 1 (0)



University of Canberra 6 (2)

There have been many a number of tough matches for the top teams to play and many more to come, but when you are at the other end it looks even harder.

Burns and University are two of these teams and they played each other at Greenway Oval. University came through winners 6-1 in a match they dominated throughout.

In fact it has been quite a long time since the last University of Canberra side had won two in a row in the top Division. Estimates have it back in 1990, when the team finished only 2 points outside of the Top 4.

Alan Rankine opened the scoring for University only a few minutes in following a dreadful goalkeeping error.

Dustin Wells was yet again a proven provider when in the first half he sent a good cross for Justin Bryan to delight the crowd with a superb diving header.

Into the second half and it was time for at least one of the forwards to get onto the scoresheet, and in style one of them did. Dominic Bartone put in three in quick succession to quell any possible resurgence from Burns.

His first came from the penalty spot after fellow striker Simon Foxhill was fouled following a surging run. Then a clever dribble into the box allowed for a great finish and the third was a Bartone special.

The sixth and final goal went to Brendan Harmer. Most notable about this goal was that it came from a long throw 'set-play'. Uni have suffered continuously from the number of goals they've conceded from set plays.

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University were denied a shutout when in the dying seconds, Brendan Watson brought down a Burns player in the box. A penalty was awarded.

Chris Freeman, who had been kept quiet most of the day saved the attempt from Alan Strachan, only for Greg Lemin to score from the rebound.

University coach Rod Lynes was obviously pleased with the game. "I thought we played well, with a lot of flair and improvisation in the last third of the pitch."

Although missing three senior players, Lynes was impressed with the debutants, Ross Docherty, Justin Bryan and Brendan Harmer. "Defensively we were strong, with Docherty and Harmer producing mature performances".

"Our use of the ball was very good, and things that we worked on in training clicked into place. If we maintain this level of performance I think we will upset a few teams before the end of the season." But inconsistency has been the real problem with the students this season.

Lynes provided a list of players who played well, but it was a real team effort. Sound defence allowed for a dominating midfield led by Paul Panebianco and Alan Rankine and the control of the wings through Dustin Wells and Scott Anderson.

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Weston Creek Royals 1 (0)



Canberra Olympic 1 (0)

Last weekend Weston Creek coach Jimmy Bland thought his team didn't deserve to lose to Canberra Deakin. This time he believes they were lucky to draw.

Olympic defended and pressed very well. They did everything right, except score goals, and this was to be to their detriment at the end of the day.

In a game where they missed some five or so good goalscoring opportunities, it took a defender to break the deadlock.

After a scoreless first stanza, Elli Salloum broke down the right and was found as ball shifted across the field. He was suddenly one on one with Hassan Adhami and with a little bit of luck his shot went in off the post.

As much as they tried, they could not find the second. Punishment came with only eight minutes left on the clock. A ball at the Olympic defence caused a mix up between two players and saw it fall to Peter Hader on the edge of the box. His shot gave the keeper no chance as it rocketed into the left hand corner.

But Olympic were the better side on the day. "They shaded the first half, but were much better in the second", said Bland. "The scoreline flattered us and the balance was just not right on the day."

But Bland was more critical, although not giving names, of a certain six players he felt needed to be carried by the other five. Two who were not in this category were Adrian Parragalli and keeper Adhami who's positioning was flawless throughout the game.

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Queanbeyan City Lions 3 (1)



Monaro 6 (4)

Top versus bottom of the table – a walkover? Not the way Queanbeyan have been playing of late. Had an incident in the first 15 minutes not happened, anything close to a boilover could have resulted.

Monaro started off slow and were punished ten minutes in. Queanbeyan playing well scored first and looked all money to get on with it.

Then not more than five minutes later, with Monaro's John Rakic clear through on goal, Ilce Cikuroski brought him down just outside the box. That was sabotaging a goal-scoring opportunity and instant expulsion for Cikuroski.

The ten men Queanbeyan buckled for the rest of the half and saw four quick unanswered goals. Too their credit the Lions came back in the second half tying it two goals each.

Speedy forward Lazar Simeonov was having a ball against his old club and collected four of the six with Joe Campagna and Darryl North pegging the other two. For Queanbeyan, Danny Gjorgievski put in two and David Geremia scored the other.

Monaro coach Andrew Monterosso was extremely pleased with the way John Rakic played combining well with Simeonov and setting up at least three of the goals following his surging runs down the right.

On the other side it is getting better and better. The additions of Nick Purdue and Danny Burt have obviously helped no end. That elusive first win can't be too far away.

The Premier League Division 2 Page

Still no volunteers, still no match reports! But, here are the results from the last two weekends.

Saturday July 3

Belwest Foxes 2 (0) – Sabres FC 2 (1)

A. Barber

M. Lumb

R. Coleman

W. Schneider

K. Finnie (RC)

Tuggeranong United 2 (0) – Cooma 0 (0)

S. Conlon

C. Russell

J. Ivers (RC)

White Eagles 3 (1) -

ANU 1 (1)

F. Flores

S. Channing

M. Paunovic

N. Aleksic

ADFA

- O'Connor Knights

O'Connor takes game on forfeit.

Saturday July 10

Tuggeranong United 9 – White Eagles 1

R. Warren-Smith 6

N. Aleksic

D. Sanchez

M. Conlon

L. David

Cooma 3

M. Burke

S. Fleitas

N. Johnston

- Belwest Foxes 1

S. Wise

O'Connor Knights 0 - ANU 0

Sabres FC v ADFA

Deferred to a later date.

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CSN Predictions for Week 11

Monaro v Burns Club

2pm Riverside Stadium (1st Rd: Monaro 7-2)

In the first round match at Greenway, Monaro took a 5-0 lead into the break and that was the end of the game. Monaro are on top of the table and will not want to relinquish this. Burns are now fighting for pride.

PICK: MONARO

Belconnen United v Queanbeyan City Lions

2pm Hawker Oval (1st Rd: Bels 8-1)

Bels have finally broken the slide with a good win over Juventus, and now they have a team that is slowly improving. If they can keep all 11 on the field, this could be a good time for Queanbeyan to do well.

PICK: BELCONNEN

Canberra Deakin v Canberra Olympic

2pm Deakin Oval (1st Rd 0-0 at Bruce Stadium)

Both teams are now getting into stride and ready to put their teams in the race for the finish. Neither team can afford a loss and with the talent on the field it could be anyone's game. Only Olympic's lack of finishing could see Deakin win.

PICK: DRAW

Uni of Canberra v Weston Creek Royals

2pm Uni of Canberra (1st Rd Weston 5-2)

Uni are on a 2 game winning streak. It's been some time, and they always give Weston a good run for their money. They have something to prove, but Weston have the guns that will shatter the dream.

PICK: WESTON

Capital City Suns v Gungahlin Juventus

2pm O'Connor Oval (1st Rd Suns 2-1)

Suns are on fire whilst Juve come off a loss to Bels. The latter are slowly dropping out of the race and must win to have real hope of the finals. How much space will Lemezina get?

PICK: SUNS